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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3144

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LA

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF CHANCERY

REF: VIENTIANE 3140 (NOTAL)

1. A CROWD OF 1000 TO 1500 DEMONSTRATORS-PRIMARILY STUDENTS AND DISABLED VETERANS--MARCHED TO CHANCERY SHORTLY BEFORE 1000 HOURS LOCAL TIME. THEY REMAINED IN FRONT OF CHANCERY FOR 20-30 MINUTES, DURING WHICH TIME A HALF-DOZEN SCALED THE FENCE AND PULLED DOWN THE FLAG. (JOINT POLICE OBLIGED THEM TO RETURN THE FLAG.) THEY CONTINUED TO MARCH AND AT LAST REPORT HAD MOVED FROM WORLD VISION HQ TO
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RADIO STATION AND MAY NOW BE HEADING BACK TO USIS OR USAID.

A SPLINTER GROUP OF A DOZEN DEMONSTRATORS WENT TO USAID COMPOUND AT APPROX 1045 HOURS. DURING MARCH THROUGH TOWN DEMONSTRATORS HAVE SACKED SEVERAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND TORN DOWN BUSINESS SIGNS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

2. MOOD OF CROWD WAS EXTREMELY HOSTILE, WITH MANY DEMONSTRATORS CHANTING ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS AND MAKING MENACING GESTURES. SEVERAL ROCKS WERE THROWN INTO CHANCERY COMPOUND, BUT THERE WERE NO RPT NO INJURIES AND NO RPT NO DAMAGE TO PREMISES.

3. LOCAL SECURITY GUARDS (TAPS) PERFORMED ASSIGNED DUTIES IN ADMIRABLE FASHION.

4. ABOUT 50 TO 60 MEMBERS OF JOINT POLICE FORCE FROM BOTH SIDES WERE ACCOMPANYING DEMONSTRATORS, BUT POLICE MOVED INTO POSITION IN FRONT OF CHANCERY ONLY BELATEDLY AND EVEN THEN WERE UNABLE TO STOP THOSE DEMONSTRATORS WHO JUMPED OVER FENCE.

5. CHARGE SPOKE TO PRIME MINISTER BY TELEPHONE. HE STRESSED THAT POLICE PROTECTION HAD NOT BEEN ADEQUATE, REQUESTED THAT P.M. ORDER ADEQUATE PROTECTION, AND POINTED OUT THAT DEMONSTRATION WAS IN VIOLATION OF PGNU ORDER ISSUED AFTER MAY 7 CABINET MEETING. CHARGE LEFT SIMILAR MESSAGE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AND LATER MADE SAME POINTS DIRECTLY TO FONMIN. CHARGE IS NOW MEETING WITH FONMIN. DETAILS OF THESE CONVERSATIONS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

6. AMERICAN PRESS, INCLUDING TV CREWS, HAVE FOLLOWED DEMONSTRATORS THROUGHOUT THEIR MARCH.
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